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Subject: Proposed safe handling statements on labels of cartons of shell eggs that have not been treated to destroy *Salmonella*.

Dear Sir:

Your proposed statement " Safe Handling Instructions: Eggs may contain harmful bacteria known to cause serious illness, especially in children, the elderly, and persons with weakened immune systems. *For your protection, keep eggs refrigerated, cook eggs until yolks are firm, and cook foods containing eggs thoroughly before eating.* " on labels of cartons of shell eggs is totally unwarranted. Why does the FDA have to scare the populace with such threats? Keep the labeling educational. If you feel you must require a label, just say what I have italicized above.

You may also want to require mandatory Salmonella Enteritidis vaccination for all laying hens that supply the table egg market. This works well in Germany.



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